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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE TIMOR-UN SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS

DEC 19, 1975

REF: A) USUN 6916; B) USUN 6915

1. SUMMARY. UN SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC) MET AS A WHOLE FOR CONSULTATIONS ON A DRAFT UNSC PORTUGUESE TIMOR RESOLUTION MORNING DEC 19. UNSC PRESIDENT RICHARD REPORTED INDONESIANS AND PORTUGUESE WILLING TO ACCEPT REPRESENTATIVE OF UN SECRETARY GENERAL (UNSYG) IN TIMOR. ONLY CHINA SPOKE UP STRONGLY AGAINST "NON-ALIGNED WORKING PAPER" FOR DRAFT UNSC RESOLUTION ON PORTUGUESE TIMOR (REF B). RICHARD ASKED UNSC MEMBERS TO CONSIDER SUGGESTIONS MADE FOR CHANGES AND TO WORK ON REVISED DRAFTS FOR UNSC RESOLUTION IN AFTERNOON. END SUMMARY.

2. UNSC PRESIDENT RICHARD (UK) FIRST REPORTED ON HIS CON-  
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SULTATIONS WITH PORTUGUESE AND INDONESIANS ON NONALIGNED

DRAFT WORKING PAPER: (A) PREDICTABLY PORTUGAL'S AMBASSADOR GALVAO TELES DID NOT ACCEPT OPERATIVE PARA 2 OF THE DRAFT "DEPLORING" PORTUGAL'S "ABDICATION" OF RESPONSIBILITIES. GALVAO TELES FOUND INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN OPERATIVE PARA 2 AND OPERATIVE PARA 5 WHICH CALLED ON PORTUGAL TO "INSURE FREE EXERCISE OF RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION". GALVAO TELEX HAD NO OBJECTION TO POSSIBILITY OF THE SC ASKING THE UNSYG TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO TIMOR TO OBSERVE THE SITUATION AND REPORT BACK TO THE SC. (B) PREDICTABLY INDONESIA'S AMBASSADOR ANI HAD NOT LIKED OPERATIVE PARA 3 WHICH CONDEMNED INTERVENTION BY INDONESIA'S ARMED FORCES. SANI DID NOT CONSIDER OPERATIVE PARA 5 "REALISTIC", SINCE THE TIMORANS WOULD NOT WANT THE PORTUGUESE BACK. SANI HAD NO OBJECTION TO POSSIBILITY OF UNSYG REPRESENTATIVE VISITING TIMOR AND REPORTING BACK TO THE SC.

3. CHINA (CHOU NAN) THEN SPOKE UP TO EMPHASIZE THAT CHINA FOUND THE DRAFT RESOLUTION "TOO WEAK". CHINA WOULD PREFER "CONDEMNATION" OR "STRONG CONDEMNATION" OF INDONESIA. CHINA TOO WOULD PREFER A SIMPLER TEXT DEMANDING "IMMEDIATE" WITHDRAWAL OF INDONESIAN FORCES. WHEN ASKED BY PRESIDENT RICHARDS ABOUT POSSIBLE VISIT TO TIMOR BY A UNSYG REPRESENTATIVE, CHOU NAN SAID HE BELIEVED HIS STATEMENT "SELF EVIDENT". CHINA FELT THAT DECOLONIZATION IS A MATTER FOR THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY (UNGA). (LATER, CHOU NAN TOLD MISSOFF THAT CHINA COULD SUPPORT VISIT BY UNSYG REPRESENTATIVE INSTRUCTED TO INSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION DEMANDING IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF INDONESIAN FORCES.)

4. JAPAN (SAITO) SPOKE STATING IT FOUND NONALIGNED DRAFT GENERALLY "WELL BALANCED". SAITO STRESSED, THOUGH, THAT DRAFT PUT TOO MUCH WEIGHT ON ROLE OF ADMINISTERING POWER. THE UN'S ROLE SHOULD NOT BE SECONDARY TO THAT OF ADMINISTERING POWER. SAITO THEN INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE:

(A) "(1) PREAMBULAR PARA 5  
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"(2) OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 5  
DELETE THE WHOLE SENTENCE AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING: REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AS A FIRST STEP TO SEND HIS REPRESENTATIVE TO EAST TIMOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TO SUBMIT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL HIS RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING WAYS AND MEANS TO RESTORE PEACE AND ORDER IN THE TERRITORY WHICH WILL ENABLE THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

"(3) OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 6

AMEND AS FOLLOWS:

URGES ALL THE PARTIES IN THE TERRITORY AND ALL STATES CONCERNED TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE EFFORTS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL...

(B) "DELETE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 6 AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

"5. CALLS UPON ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION THROUGH TALKS BETWEEN THEM TO BRING AN END TO THE STRIFE IN THE TERRITORY TO ENSURE THE ORDERLY AND FREE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY (UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS),

"6. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO RENDER GOOD OFFICES TO FACILITATE SUCH TALKS AND AS A FIRST STEP TO SEND HIS REPRESENTATIVE TO EAST TIMOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND SUBMIT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL HIS RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING WAYS AND MEANS TO RESTORE PEACE AND ORDER IN THE TERRITORY.".

5. ITALY (VINCI) SPOKE ALONG LINES VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE REPORTED IN REF (A). VINCI AGAIN EMPHASIZED THAT THE DRAFT PUT "TOO MUCH BLAME ON PORTUGAL". HIS REACTION TO THE ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE UNDER PARA 4(A) ABOVE WAS POSITIVE, BUT HE SUGGESTED THAT THE WORD "FREELY" SHOULD BE INSERTED AFTER "EXERCISE" IN OPERATIVE PARA 5 OF FIRST JAPANESE SUGGESTION.

6. THE USSR (MALIK) AFTER A LECTURE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF "PRINCIPLE" OVER "PRAGMATISM" IN SC WORK, SAID THE USSR WAS PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE NONALIGNED DRAFT.

7. FRANCE (LECOMPT) ASSOCIATED ITSELF WITH THE REMARKS OF JAPAN AND ITALY.  
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8. SWEDEN (RYDBECK) SUPPORTED DELETION OF OPERATIVE PARA 2 WITH SUBSTITUTE PREAMBULAR LANGUAGE.

9. CHINA (CHOU NAN) SPOKE AGAIN AND SAID THAT THE SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY JAPAN WAS TANTAMOUNT TO "CONDONING" INDONESIA'S ACTS.

10. JAPAN (SAITO) SPOKE AGAIN TO RESERVE JAPAN'S POSITION ON DELETION OF OPERATIVE PARA 2 OF NONALIGNED DRAFT.

11. PRESIDENT RICHARD ADJOURNED THE MEETING, ASKING SC MEMBERS TO CONSULT TOGETHER DURING THE AFTERNOON WITH A VIEW TO DRAWING UP ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE FOR A DRAFT RESOLUTION.

12. COMMENT: AFTER THE CONSULTATION OF THE WHOLE, TANZANIA  
(SALIM) SPOKE TO RICHARD WITH US (SHERER) PRESENT TO SAY  
THAT WHILE IT BELIEVED ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE WOULD BE  
POSSIBLE REGARDING THE ACTIONS OF PORTUGAL AND INDONESIA,  
TANZANIA BELIEVED IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO GET INDONESIA'S ACCEPTANCE

IF PORTUGAL WERE TREATED MORE  
MILDLY THAN INDONESIA.  
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